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LETTER DATED 5 SEPTEMBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AFGHANISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit a letter of today's date addressed to Your Excellency by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic State of Afghanistan Dr. Najibullâh Lafraie (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) A. G. Ravan FARHÂDI
Ambassador
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Annex

Letter dated 5 September 1995 from the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General

Allow me to express my best wishes to you. On behalf of the Islamic State of Afghanistan I would like to inform Your Excellency that the level of foreign interferences, particularly by Pakistan in the internal affairs of Afghanistan, aimed at overthrowing the Islamic State of Afghanistan, has now culminated to a dangerous point. It is really feared that, should the responsible international bodies, including the United Nations Security Council, fail to take serious and effective measures in relation with the present situation, the flames of war would undoubtedly spread beyond the frontiers of our country and would reach to an uncontrollable intensity, seriously endangering regional peace and stability.

As a faithful and early member of the United Nations, thoroughly respectful of United Nations principles aiming at the consolidation of international peace and determined to preserve its vital interests, the Islamic State of Afghanistan has always tried to prevent the escalation of the tensions by favouring diplomatic endeavours. Afghanistan has therefore repeatedly urged the recourse to peaceful means for the solving of armed conflicts in Afghanistan, in the course of its exchange of views with the United Nations and with the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

During the years following the establishment of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, Pakistan has unfortunately refrained from working for cooperation and mutual trust and, furthermore, has provoked the armed conflicts in Afghanistan, which are causing the killing of Afghan masses, to a dangerous climax, by giving rise to and assisting the so-called bands of "Tâleban" both with equipment and personnel, to overrun the western part of the country.

We earnestly call upon Your Excellency to undertake measures, before the time when the current conflicts take new dimensions and through your initiatives to respond positively to the millions of Afghans threatened by the perilous acts of war.

The Islamic State considers its historic and national responsibility to resolutely and firmly stand at any cost against any foreign attempt aimed at the disintegration of Afghanistan.

To justify any effective and necessary action in the future towards defending the national unity, sovereignty and the territorial integrity of the country, the Islamic State of Afghanistan requests that the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Najibullâh LAFRAÎE
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs